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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Charles A. Briggs
Inspector General

SUBJECT: Cover Inspection

1. The DDCI, as you know, has approved an inspection of those official and non-official cover mechanisms which impact on the Directorate of Operations. This inspection is underway and surveys of the Central Cover Staff and the Office of External Development have been completed. The inspection team is now interviewing personnel of the other DO components and, in consonance with my comment at a morning meeting, is preparing to interview personnel of non-DO components using cover in conjunction with, or supportive of, the DO. This phase should begin during the week of 5 May.

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2. The team will be happy to discuss your Directorate's cover uses and concerns with you if you wish; however, to conserve your time, if you would rather, would you please designate an individual as a knowledgeable contact point for the inspection team. The team Captain [REDACTED] will then make interview arrangements, as required, through that individual. The other team members are [REDACTED] an OGC lawyer detailed to assist the inspection.

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3. The principal aim is to identify those official and non-official cover mechanisms that are needed for the 1980's, although current mechanisms and their use are being examined. I wish to emphasize that the cover inspection team is not soliciting complaints concerning current or past personal cover problems. You may wish to inform your directorate's personnel that the OIG is soliciting well-reasoned, innovative and creative proposals on cover for the 1980's. Any who wish to comment may phone the team secretary [REDACTED] and an inspector will arrange an interview. Those who wish to forward written proposals may do so by addressing [REDACTED] 6E19 Headquarters.

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4. I note that OC, OMS, OF, OL, OP, OS and OTR either use cover or support the use of cover by the DO. The team should examine the role cover plays in monetary, procurement, logistics, real estate and repair and disposal activities to the extent these have not been covered in recent and previous inspections. Such information will be reviewed to avoid duplication. We may need to expand on or clarify some items. Also, you may have other uses of cover about which I am not informed.

5. If you have particularly sensitive and compartmented uses of cover, please contact me directly so that we can work out the ground rules for inclusion of such cases.

6. We intend to forward to the DCI on or about 31 July a final inspection report cataloging and analyzing Agency cover.

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